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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>P03040US2A</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/US04/25954</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>August 11, 2004</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>60/494,307 507,986</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>NON-STAINING BLACK SIDEWALL</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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1-4-2	Applicant's or agent's file reference	P03040US2A
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